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"(c) The answer is in the affirmative. The needs of the Rayalaseema area however are being given due consideration considering its backward conditions."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—"May I know, Sir, whether the petrol rationing is likely to end in the near future?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—"Not in the very near future, Sir."

Implementing the decisions of the Industrial Conference.

*88 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri P. R. K. Sarma) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) what action this Government have taken to implement the decision of the Industrial Conference convened by the Government of India and the decisions taken at the Tripartite Conferences in regard to (*a*) housing, (*b*) machinery for fixation of minimum wages, (*c*) legislation for enforcement of the awards of Industrial Tribunals, and for action being taken against employers closing down their work during such proceedings before the Tribunal or after the award in the concerned dispute;

(*b*) whether there have been any instances of violation of the awards of Industrial Tribunals in the Province, what they are, and what action the Government took in the cases;

(*c*) whether any factories were closed or have given notice of closure, when industrial dispute between them and their workers are pending or have been adjudicated by Industrial Tribunals;

(*d*) whether the Maxwell Engineering Works, Durga Foundry and the Essor Engineering Works have been closed in the above manner; and

(*e*) what action the Government have so far taken in the cases referred to in particular and generally for enforcement of respect for law and authority?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—"(*a*) The Government of India have decided to construct a million houses for workers and they are working out the financial and administrative details for this. These details are awaited from the Government of India; (*b*) The Government are considering the question of appointing Committees for fixing minimum wages according to the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act; and (*c*) The question of tightening up the penal provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act is under consideration.

"(*b*) Yes, Sir. In such cases the Government have ordered the District Magistrates concerned to prosecute the offenders under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. A statement[a] showing the name of the concern, the nature of offence and the stage or result of the prosecution is placed on the table of the House.

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 270–273 *infra*.

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"(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The management of the Maxwell Engineering Works have applied to the Industrial Tribunal for closure of their factory; or in the alternative to retrench their workers. The management of the Durga Factory have intimated the Tribunal about the proposed closure of their foundry. The Essor Engineering Works have been working and the management say that there is no question of closure of the factory or retrenchment.

"(e) The Government have prosecuted the persons responsible for failure to implement the awards."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, what proposals the Government have to enforce where labour violate the Award?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—"There are provisions in the Act which will be taken advantage of to take suitable action whether it be in the side of labour or management."

Amounts advanced under "the State Aid to Industries Act."

12-15 p.m.

* 89 Q.—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the industries which have received aid under "the State Aid to Industries Act" during the years 1945, 1946 and 1947;

(b) the amounts advanced;

(c) when the amounts were advanced;

(d) the amounts recovered so far and the balances due; and

(e) the pending applications, the names of the applicants, the amounts requested for and the industries to be started and developed?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—"(a) (1) Messrs. The Radio and Electrical, Ltd., Madras, and (2) Messrs. K. V. Ratnam and Bros., Ratnam Fountain Pen Works, Rajahmundry.

"In the case of the Radio and Electrical Ltd., the Government have taken shares to the value of Rs. 2 lakhs. In the case of Messrs. Ratnam and Bros., the Government guaranteed an overdraft with the Imperial Bank of India for Rs. 500 for a period of six months. The Company availed itself of the guarantee only in the year 1945;

"During this period, Government also sanctioned a loan of Rs. 5,000 to Sri N. Narayanappa of Messrs. Narayana Tile Works, Hosur, and a loan of Rs. 3,000 and a subsidy of Rs. 3,000 to Messrs. K. V. Brahmam & Sons, Bheemavaram. The loans were not disbursed due to delay in execution of mortgage deed, etc.